



Meeting Notes

Golden Gardens Bathhouse Renovation: Project Advisory Team Meeting February 27, 2003, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., at Ballard Community Center

PRESENT: PAT members Margo Aspholm, Carolyn Wren Clark, Jeff Cleaveland,, Fred Felleman, Allen Hughes, Lawrence (Larry) Jackson, Davidya Kasperzyk, Cindy Lantry, Jeffrey Stolsig, Susan Boyle, design team member, Kathie Huus/NW Sector Parks and Recreation Manager, Mark Johnson/Parks PM.

Introductions

Mark Johnson apologized for lack of timely notification for the December and January PAT meetings; and apologized also to Kathie Huus and PAT members for lack of coordination in having the Bathhouse open and prepared for the January 30, 2003 community meeting held there, as well as being late for the presentation. The group discussed their preferences for advance notification of upcoming meetings and concluded that the current notification intervals (one month and one week in advance) worked well for them.

Meeting Community Needs

Kathie Huus asked to have some discussion about how Parks and the PAT can help important sectors of the community to be truly in touch with the project. She initiated discussion with a report on a recent meeting she had with the Ballard Lion's Club. They are eager to help with fundraising for this project, and are looking for ways to become involved. She suggested that their help might be a significant contribution towards involving teens in the project, especially with respect to the music and art programs.

Jeff Cleaveland reported on the meeting that he and Susan Boyle had with some of his students. These teens expressed their fears that the renovation of the Bathhouse will "sterilize" the building. We need to reach out to these teens and maybe we can feature their music at the grand opening.

Fred Felleman wants the project to use major media to get the word out about the project (the Seattle Post-Intelligencer (P-I), Ballard NewsTribune (BNT), etc.) along with notices on the project signs at the Bathhouse. Susan Boyle suggested that the lighting lab daylighting studies could be done with Ballard High School students and a BNT reporter.

Fred expressed his wish that the PAT be involved in development of a "master plan" for the Golden Gardens Park. Kathie responded that the Bathhouse project is contributing to establishing planning directions for the future development and maintenance of the Park.

Larry Jackson suggests that we have some 3-D drawings that show the different uses of the multi-purpose room in the renovated Bathhouse.

Cindy Lantry noted that we should make a display of our plans; put together a flier that could be distributed at the teens' music events (held every other week). Contact the Paul Allen Foundation for the Arts for grants towards a sound system, suggested Fred.

Fred brought a letter from Larry Philips regarding King County grants for environmental education and suggested that funds are available for the sorts of programs that many PAT members have envisioned for the Bathhouse.

Kathie, Larry and Jeff suggest getting a recording studio set up in the Bathhouse; American Music could donate equipment; Larry says One Reel is looking to put money into the community, using music as a focus and channel.

Building Program Review

Davidya Kasperzyk suggests that the recycled plastic board walk on the east side of the building be changed to a permeable path. There was also considerable discussion and eagerness to look into dormers and mezzanines above the main room, per Davidya's sketches. This was followed by a discussion of the configuration of the wet activities room.

Landmarks Nomination

Mark made available copies of the draft Landmarks Nomination document for review. Fred wants us to present the project as a building that is a "work-in-progress" and asks "What's the upside?" if the building is Landmarked. Mark responded that Landmarks wants the building to have a useful continuing life, and that Parks has some implied obligation to maintain a Landmarked structure. Fred and Davidya took copies of the draft for review.

Mark Johnson asked that comments be sent to him before the March 4, 2003 ProView meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:40 PM

Next Meeting

March 20, 2003, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the Ballard Community Center

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